CHRIST CHURCH — sermon notes

THE ESSENTIALS

"You're Good"
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If you were to take a trip and you were told to only pack the essentials, what would you take?

If you were moving out of your home into a smaller place and you could only take essential home furnishings, what would move with you?

Genesis 1   *In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. [2] The earth was formless and void, and darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was moving over the surface of the waters. [3] Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. [4] God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. [5] God called the light day, and the darkness He called night. And there was evening and there was morning, one day. [6] Then God said, "Let there be an expanse in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters." … [8] God called the expanse heaven. And there was evening and there was morning, a second day. [9] Then God said, "Let the waters below the heavens be gathered into one place, and let the dry land appear"; and it was so. [10] God called the dry land earth, and the gathering of the waters He called seas; and God saw that it was good. [11] Then God said, "Let the earth sprout vegetation: plants yielding seed, and fruit trees on the earth bearing fruit after their kind with seed in them"; and it was so. [12] The earth brought forth vegetation, plants yielding seed after their kind, and trees bearing fruit with seed in them, after their kind; and God saw that it was good. [13] There was evening and there was morning, a third day. [14] Then God said, "Let there be lights in the expanse of the heavens to separate the day from the night, and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years…" [18] and to govern the day and the night, and to separate the light from the darkness; and God saw that it was good. [19] There was evening and there was morning, a fourth day. [20] Then God said, "Let the waters teem with swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth in the open expanse of the heavens." [21] God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, with which the waters swarmed after their kind, and every winged bird after its kind; and God saw that it was good… [23] There was evening and there was morning, a fifth day. [24] Then God said, "Let the earth bring forth living creatures after their kind: cattle and creeping things and beasts of the earth after their kind"; and it was so. [25] God made the beasts of the earth after their kind, and the cattle after their kind, and everything that creeps on the ground after its kind; and God saw that it was good. [26] Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; and let them rule over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the sky and over the cattle and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth." [27] God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them… [31] God saw all that He had made, and behold, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.* (NASB)

The First Essential: _____

I.   _____.

   Genesis 1:1   *In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.*

II. **God created all things** _____.

   Genesis 1:2–3   *The earth was formless and void, and darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was moving over the surface of the waters. [3] Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light.*

III. God created all things _____.

Point: _____.

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Something to take home and chew on!

1. Where do you see the goodness of God's creative plan in yourself? In others? In the world?

2. How might you live differently if you believed that you were created good? How would that essential truth change the way you think about yourself, your friends, your enemies, the world?

3. How would you live differently if you believed that everyone and everything you see in the world was created good by God?

4. What would it look like to participate in God's plan to re-create this world through the redemptive work of Christ?

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ANSWER KEY:

First Essential: **YOU WERE CREATED GOOD.**

I. **GOD CREATED ALL THINGS**   II. **FROM NOTHING**   III. **GOOD**

Point: **YOU WERE CREATED GOOD.**